

resulting in it exhibiting good reliability and ensuring safety during handling thereof because the core is fixed at a central position therein.

B9 The fixed portion 10A of the core 10 is merely required to be supported in at least three points on the mating surfaces of the fixed mold member 2 and movable mold member 3. Thus, the grooves 5a and 5b are each merely required to be so formed that portions S and T thereof positioned in proximity to the molding spaces 4a, 4b and a central bent portion U thereof may be tightly contacted with the core 10. The remaining part of each of the grooves 5a and 5b may be formed so as to permit the core 10 to be loosely fitted therein.

In relation to the above, the fixing unit is not limited to a structure in the form of a groove like the grooves 5a and 5b. For example, the fixing unit may be constructed in such a manner that the mating surface of each of the fixed mold member 2 and movable mold member 3 is formed with recesses, in which projections (not shown) for supporting the core at three points are arranged.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1 3. (Amended) An arm for an elastic doll as defined in claim 1, wherein said core
2 is formed thereon with a detachment-preventing section for preventing detachment of
3 said spacer therefrom.

1 9. (Amended) A method for molding an arm or arms for an elastic doll as
2 defined in claim 5, wherein the shoulder of the arm is provided with an engagement
3 groove adapted to be engaged with a trunk of a doll;

4 further comprising the step of arranging a support rod at a site in said
5 molding space corresponding to said engagement groove, said support rod functioning to
6 support said core against an injection pressure of a molding material during molding of
7 the arm.

1 10. (Amended) A method for molding arms for an elastic doll as defined in
2 claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

3 separating said mold members from each other after molding of the arms;

4 and

5 removing a portion of the core exposed from the shoulder of each of the
6 arms.

Please add the following newly drafted Claims 18-23.

1 18. (New) An arm for an elastic doll as defined in claim 2, wherein said core is
2 formed thereon with a detachment-preventing section for preventing detachment of said
3 spacer therefrom.

1 19. (New) A method for molding an arm or arms for an elastic doll as defined in
2 claim 6, wherein the shoulder of the arm is provided with an engagement groove adapted
3 to be engaged with a trunk of a doll;

4 further comprising the step of arranging a support rod at a site in said
5 molding space corresponding to said engagement groove, said support rod functioning to
6 support said core against an injection pressure of a molding material during molding of
7 the arm.

1 20. (New) A method for molding arms for an elastic doll as defined in claim 7,
2 further comprising the steps of:
3 separating said mold members from each other after molding of the arms;
4 and
5 removing a portion of the core exposed from the shoulder of each of the
6 arms.

1 21. (New) A molded appendage for a doll, comprising:
2 an elongated core member that is bendable;
3 a spacer member connected to the core member and extending outward
4 therefrom; and
5 an outer housing of a moldable resin material having an exterior surface to
6 simulate the desired configuration of the appendage, the outer housing substantially
7 encapsulating the core member and spacer member, the spacer member being integrated
8 into the resin material of the outer housing.

1 22. (New) The molded appendage of claim 21 wherein the spacer member is a
2 resin material having a melting point equal to or below a melting point of the outer
3 housing.

1 23. (New) The molded appendage of claim 22 wherein the spacer member is
2 appended at one end of the elongated core member and includes a plurality of outward
3 projections.